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Because Bissell Accepted a Challenge to Fight Jeff Davis.

In Vindication of the Honor of Illinois and the Bravery of Her Soldiers.

SPRINGFIELD.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—The importance of the Senatorial campaign is fully indicated in the appearance of the corridors of the Leland House to-night. They swarm with legislators, patriots, and candidates for the small offices in the gift of both Houses. Applications for all sorts of places, from Third Assistant Doorkeeper down to junior of the clock-room, are thicker than frogs in Egypt. Each one claims that he can control a vote for Senator, and all are playing that card with leaders of the factions of the dominant party. During the greater portion of the day the Senatorial conflict engrossed the attention of all.

AT LOGAN'S LIBRARY BUREAU.

which has installed itself in two of the Leland parlors, a constant tide has been ebbing and flowing all day. John was in the best of humor. Long Jones and Dan Shepard were kept busy watching the arrivals of the trains, and whenever the omnibus backed up to the hotel door, the legislative statement were taken in hand and run into the Bureau before they had even time to register. The strikers and claqueurs kept up a constant beating of drums and pounding of cymbals, well calculated to inspire the unsuspicious Granger with the belief that there was nothing but Logan. Nothing was mentioned but Logan. It was Logan everywhere. His followers were loud in proclaiming that he was the only one who would save the State from ruin. In fact, didn't want to make any more, and in the argument was received with an intimation of a doubt, it was then suggested that there was a certain amount of political patronage that could be secured if everything went straight. Promises of Postmasterhips and other pretty Government places were thicker than the oft-quoted leaves in Yallow-brook. Others who look forward to enlarged political influence were threatened with the displeasure of the great Indian Chief, and in some instances there is no room for doubt but what the threat accomplished its purpose.

FROM RIDGEWAY.

the unsuccessful candidate for State Treasurer last summer, is here, working with all his might for Logan, notwithstanding that, at the last State Convention, he was mercilessly slaughtered by the ex-apologist for slavery, Ridgeway is the most pronounced type of the political Christian that has been seen here in many a day. The secret of his adherence to John lies in the fact that, two years hence, he will turn up again as a candidate for the State Treasury. The Leland Bureau has become bolder in the manufacture of canards to influence the doubtful and wavering. The latest is that Charles Farwell does not intend to put in an appearance here during the Senatorial contest, for the reason that Senator Dearborn is said to have pronounced "This Tribune's interview with him (Farwell) on the night of two years ago a tissue of falsehoods. Dearborn is not here, but his Democratic colleagues are unanimous in the statement that he did not, and cannot truthfully, make any such assertion. Farwell has engaged rooms for the 10th.

SENATOR COLLETT.

arrived this evening, much to the delight of those friends who are taking care of his interests. The change that pervaded the corridors of the hotel after his arrival was a marked one. There was less bickering on the part of the Logan gang, and as they saw the gradually-increased interest taken in Oglesby's headquarters, their souls became filled with more envy than they had known since the campaign commenced. He was warmly greeted by a large delegation of the old-line Abolitionists from the Egyptian countries, with whom he worked when to be an Abolitionist was equivalent to political ostracism. This delegation has been doing good solid work to-day, and some votes which were not counted upon have been secured.

ONE OF THE BOLDEST THINGS

of the campaign, so far, was an attempt made this morning by some of the Logan faction to put up a job for springing the Senatorial caucus to-morrow evening at the conclusion of the caucus for House and Senate organization. They had an idea that, by giving the thing a grand hurrah, with a tip-nac accompaniment, such as is used in a Chinese battle, they might force the caucus to give the nomination to their champion. Through the indiscretion of one of the fuglemen, the scheme leaked out, and was promptly set down upon. It was a bold and impudent proposition, and so intense was the indignation which it worked

that the managers of the Bureau were, figuratively speaking, breaking their necks to discover it. Another movement was concerted late this evening to hold the caucus on the 13th or 14th, three or four days earlier than is customary.

LOGAN IS EVIDENTLY ANXIOUS TO HURRY UP the result. He is fearful that, on the sober second thought, the parties to whom he has made unlimited promises will discover that his nose is slightly out of joint with the present Administration, and that he cannot deliver. To tell his victims that he will take care of them two years from now is a postponement of the quid pro quo, in which the average office-seeker will take no stock. In political trades prompt delivery is just as necessary as in swapping jackknives.

Oglesby's friends will not allow themselves to be caught in any trap which will give the Indian Chief any present advantage, and will not depart from the time-honored custom of holding the caucus about three days previous to the time established by law for the election.

SPEAKER.

The vigorous contest among the numerous candidates for the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives has absorbed all other issues for the moment, and the Senatorial fight has, as it were, dropped into insignificance. The leading candidates to-day are the same as yesterday, with the exception of ex-Speaker Shaw, whose flickering light, dim at first, has at last gone almost out, and he may be considered as laid practically on the shelf. The old friends whom he beguiled with specious promises have turned their backs upon him, and his tattered advances have been met with an incredulous smile. This gentleman was rash enough, when struggling to attain this coveted position two years ago, to make some promises which, in the nature of things, he could not fulfill. The disappointed candidates for Chairman of important committees have remembered this oversight, and have nourished their wrath until the hour for retaliation and revenge has come. In the caucus, to be held to-morrow night, therefore, the ex-Speaker will scarcely figure at all. Mr. Shaw, however, can console himself with the thought that he did the best he could under all the circumstances, and, with the reflection that he made a considerable speaker, while the House may congratulate itself at this session on having obtained a useful member on the floor.

MORRISON, MITCHELL, THOMPSON, AND JAMES are still on the track, and their respective bowmen are bounding with hope. What the result of the quadrangular fight will be no one can tell, but it is as it may, the House is certain to have an able and efficient Speaker. Morrison to-night has more votes than any other individual candidate, probably, and for that reason he is greatly feared. The Logan Senatorial faction of Republicanism is backing him, and his following does not extend beyond the limits of that support. The knowledge of this combination has had the effect of antagonizing the other three candidates, and it is more than probable that they will unite in the caucus in laying out Morrison, and then have the fight among themselves. That is the way the thing seems to look to-night. Thus, while Shaw dies an official death from inaction, or not having enough friends, Morrison's demise will be caused by having too many friends. Mitchell, and Thompson, and James have about an equal following, and upon the shoulders of one of these three, the mantle of the political Elijah will most likely fall.

THOMPSON IS A COOK COUNTY MAN, and as such he has to contend with many untoward circumstances. It is urged against him that the President of the Senate is a Cook County man, and that the gentlemen from the northern part of the State are grasping for too many favors. Col. Thompson meets that phase of the contest with the argument that Mr. Sumner is President of the Senate by virtue of his office as Lieutenant-Governor, and that the people of Illinois placed him there, and not the General Assembly. Col. Thompson has the presence, bearing, and experience to make a good spokesman.

The Hon. Thomas F. Mitchell, of Bloomington, is widely known throughout the State as a business man and a man of large experience in public affairs and in legislative bodies. His ability and standing are beyond question. His supporters are from the Central, Southern, and some from the North-east part of the State. He will go into the caucus to-morrow night with probably twenty-five votes.

Col. James of Lake, has the advantage of a fine appearance, a thorough knowledge of parliamentary law, and an experience in the chair, which has exhibited his capabilities as a presiding officer in a marked degree.

The names of the contestants for the subordinate offices of the Legislature were forwarded yesterday, and there is not much change in the attitude of affairs. Among the colored delegation from Cook County, headed by William Baker, have arrived to claim their rights to a portion of the smaller offices. Mr. Baker was Assistant Doorkeeper of the House at the last session, and again aspires to that position of usefulness. Mrs. Senator Whiting is a candidate for Postmistress of the Senate. As she has a great, broad-shouldered, wealthy, but rather homely husband, to take care of her, all the other unmarried and unprotected female aspirants for the place.

HAVE SET UP A HERALD CRY OF PROTEST, which is likely to cause the honorable Senator's lady to retire, as she should do, as graciously as possible.

A Senate caucus for the purpose of selecting officers for that body will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the lady's ordinary at the Leland Hotel. Mr. James H. Paddock has no opposition in his candidacy for Secretary of that body.

AT THE LATEST WRITING,

the contest for Speaker seems to be rapidly narrowing down between Mitchell and Morrison, with Mitchell in the lead. The Democratic caucuses of the House and Senate members will be held to-morrow night to select officers for the organization of those bodies. The Hon. James Harrington will receive the Democratic nomination for Speaker without opposition. Of the Senate Committee, the most important will probably be distributed as follows: Railroad, Senator Bash; of Cook; Judiciary, Senator Hunt; of Edgar; Appropriations, Joslyn, of McHenry; State Institutions, Hamilton, of

McLean; State Charitable Institutions, Maybourn; of Kane; Municipalities, George E. White, of Cook; Canals and River Improvements, Whiting, and so on.

LOGAN VS. BISSELL.

A CHAPTER OF FORGOTTEN HISTORY.

By the Editor of The Tribune.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—I have been watching for some weeks the sayings and doings of the satellites and strikers for Gov. John A. Logan, who are working to throw Oglesby out of the Senate, and have listened with astonishment, and with something of pain, to the extraordinary claims which they make for him,—claims which would have no influence on old stagers, who were at the cradle of the Republican party of Illinois, but which may have their effect on a younger generation whose political memories do not run back of 1864.

As young Republicans of to-day, listening to the talk and reading the letters of these men, would get the impression that Gov. Logan was one of the "Old Guard,"—that he was one of the original Republicans of Illinois, whose adhesion to the party was a grand old thing before John Oglesby joined it. I would gather the impression from their talk that Gov. Oglesby was a sort of latter-day convert who came into the camp long after Logan had enlisted in the service of freedom and anti-slavery, and who was not nearly as reliable a Republican as the competitors. The younger generation could hardly avoid getting the impression, from

THE HOWLING OF LOGAN'S STRIKERS,

that John was a rampant, roaring Abolitionist pledged from boyhood to the destruction of the South, and that, too, he was a great deal more than a mere striker, for he was supposed to be carrying the flag of anti-slavery, and he doing what he could to assist in its spread. I see the mischief that these things are doing, and for the sake of contradicting it, and giving a little instruction to the Republican youth, I want, with this Tribune's permission, to revert to some old records and some old facts. I don't go into this disagreeable chapter in John A. Logan's life for the purpose of raking up old scores against him personally, but I want to show how little of truth and how little of modesty there is in the pretensions made in his behalf that he was "one of the founders of the Republican party," that he was still in the faith at a time when Oglesby was still in the gall of bitterness and the boils of old party hatred.

IN 1857 MR. LOGAN WAS A MEMBER OF THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES from Franklin County. At the same election at which he was chosen to the House, Col. William H. Bissell had been chosen Governor of Illinois, and he was elected to the House as a Republican. When the House assembled, after the Governor had been sworn into office, the allegation was made by the Democracy that he was ineligible, he having accepted a challenge to fight a duel with Jeff Davis, which was a violation of the laws of Illinois. Col. Bissell, of St. Clair County, was one of the most brilliant and distinguished citizens of Illinois. At the outbreak of the Mexican War he had enlisted in the service, becoming Colonel of an Illinois regiment, and was killed in action at the battle of Buena Vista. He was, in fact, a hero of the war, and his name was a household word in every household in Illinois. At the close of the war Col. Bissell was elected to Congress as a Democrat from St. Clair district. During the session of 1850, Jeff Davis, then a member of the House, made some insulting remarks disparaging the conduct of the Illinois troops at the battle of Buena Vista. In a speech delivered soon afterwards in the House, Col. Bissell warmly vindicated the honor and bravery of the Illinois soldiers, and made some remarks in return to the effect that Davis was a coward and a traitor. Davis, in reply, said that he would fight Bissell at any time and place. Bissell, in reply, said that he would fight Davis at any time and place. A correspondence ensued.

JEFF DAVIS INSISTED UPON A RETRACTION ON A POINT.

Col. Bissell had no reticence to make, and expressed his readiness to fight at any time and place. The blistering intimation of the Southern slave-driver had no effect upon Col. Bissell, and he intimated his perfect willingness to fight with Davis at any time and place. This was a remarkable feat of courage and nerve, and it was a feat which no other American troops. At the close of the war Col. Bissell was elected to Congress as a Democrat from St. Clair district. During the session of 1850, Jeff Davis, then a member of the House, made some insulting remarks disparaging the conduct of the Illinois troops at the battle of Buena Vista. In a speech delivered soon afterwards in the House, Col. Bissell warmly vindicated the honor and bravery of the Illinois soldiers, and made some remarks in return to the effect that Davis was a coward and a traitor. Davis, in reply, said that he would fight Bissell at any time and place. Bissell, in reply, said that he would fight Davis at any time and place. A correspondence ensued.

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